THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The production of petroleum products from refineries during the period April to September, 2003 was 54.723 million metric tonnes (MMT) as against 51,288 MMT during the corresponding period in 2002 registering a growth of 6.7%.

(b) and (c) As per revised estimates for the year 2003-04, the production of petroleum products from refineries is expected to be 111.648 million metric tonnes as against 104.209 MMT during 2002-2003, registering a growth rate of 7.1%.

Ban on private kerosene import

1480. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private kerosene importers are diverting their supplies in bulk for adulteration with diesel;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a decision to ban private import of kerosene; and

(c) whether the private importers of kerosene were bound to provide supplies for Public Distribution System and if so, upto what percentage of their import entitlement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) In view of the reported illegal activities of the Parallel Marketeers, Government, *vide* its Notification dated 25.11.2003 issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has amended the Exim Policy on import of kerosene. As per this, import of kerosene shall be allowed through State Trading Enterprises.

(c) No, Sir.

ONGC's Overseas Operation

1481. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is operating in other countries also;

(b) if so, the name of the countries in which ONGC has started overseas operation; and

(c) the nature of projects started by ONGC in these countries and the amount of investment involved in these projects with the separate break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is not operating in any foreign country. However, ONGC-Videsh Limited (OVL), a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC, set up for hydrocarbon Exploration and Production (E&P) activities overseas, has taken up E&P projects in Iran, Iraq, Libya, Myanmar, Russia, Sudan and Vietnam. The details are given below:

Name of the Project/country	OVL's Participating Interest	Planned Investment by OVL In Million US Dollar	Rupees Crores (1US$=Rs. 48)	Nature of Project
Farsi Offshore Block, Iran	40%	10.8	52	Exploration
Block-8, Iraq	100%	15	72	Exploration
Block NC-188 & NC-189, Libya	49%	30	144	Exploration
Block A-1, Myanmar	20%	4.35	21	Exploration
Sakhalin-I, Russia	20%	1,741	8,357	Exploration and development
Greater Nile Oil Project, Sudan	25%	720	3,456	Discovered fields-oil
Block 6.1, Vietnam	45%	228	1,094	Discovered fields-gas

Production of Crude Oil

1482. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of crude in the country till 30th November, 2003 during the financial year 2003-04, both in the public and private sector, separately;